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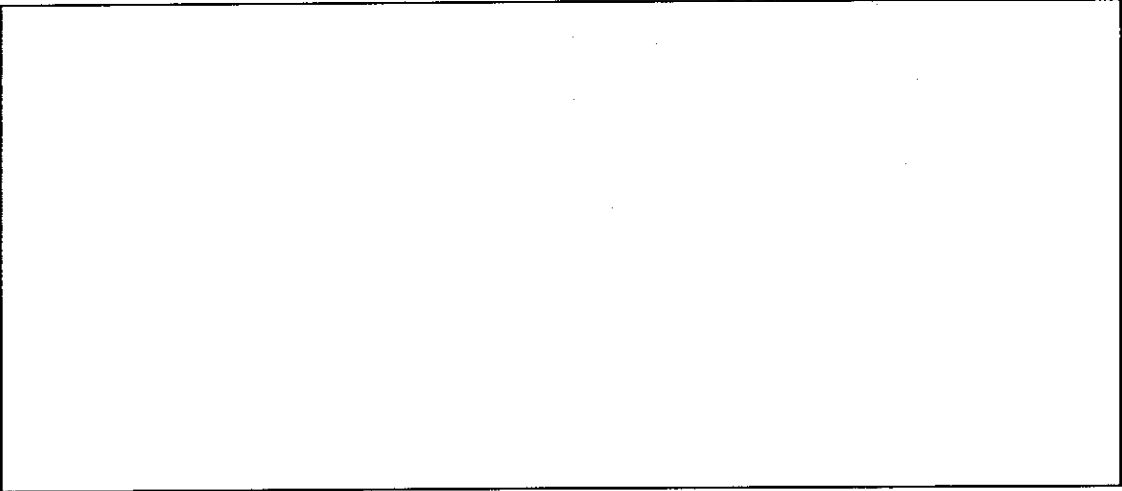
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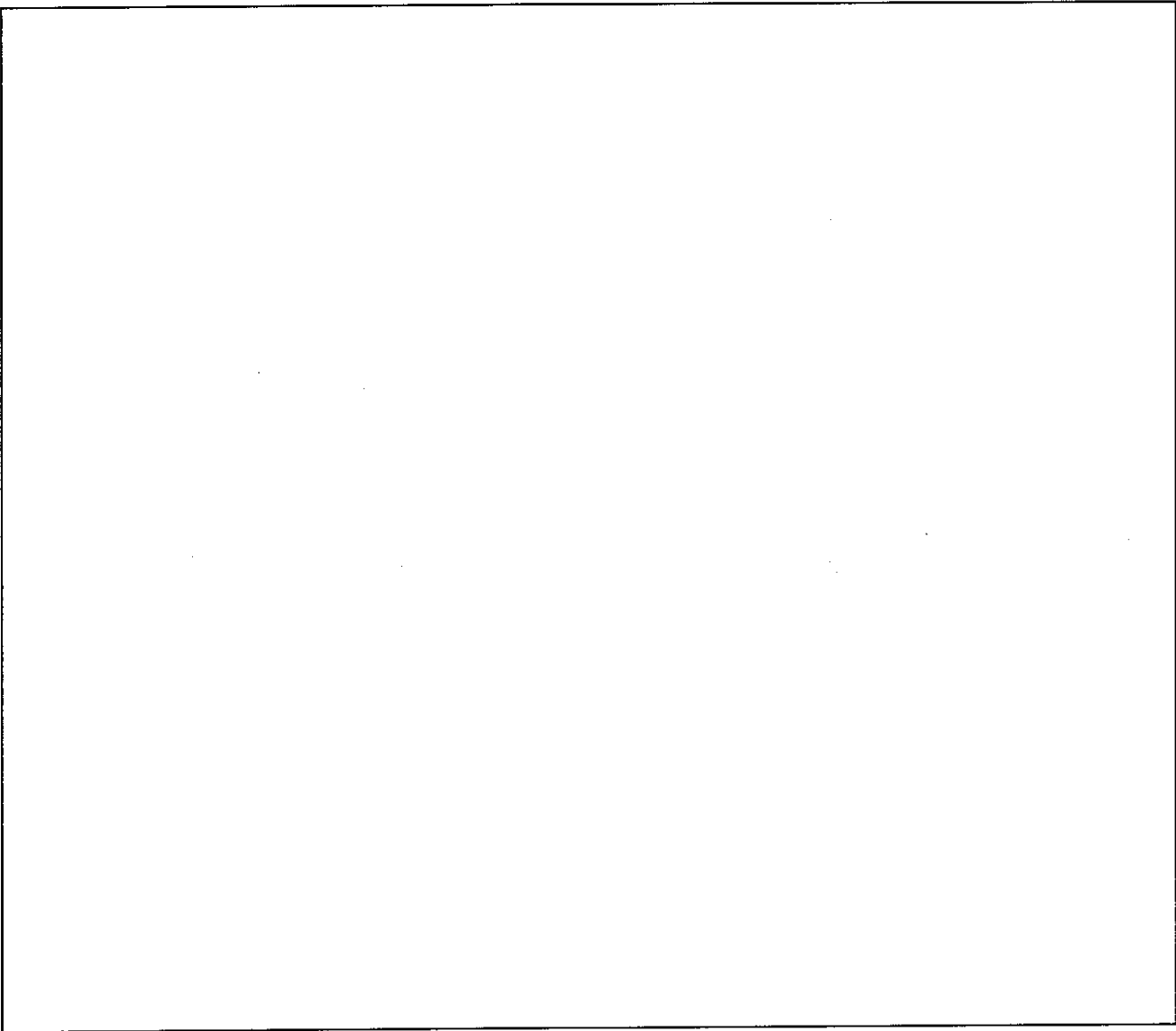
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35. (C) CHURCH LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS IN ZAIRE'S NORTH KIVU PROVINCE HAVE REPORTED NEW ERUPTIONS OF ETHNIC UNREST THAT BEGAN ON MARCH 20. AS MANY AS 1,500 RWANDANS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN KILLED AND AT LEAST 7,000 DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES NEAR THE TOWN OF MASISI' ROUGHLY 50 MILES FROM THE RWANDAN BORDER. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ETHNIC RWANDANS LIVE IN THE AREA; MOST ARE DESCENDANTS OF THOSE WHO CAME IN SEARCH OF LAND' THOUGH THEIR RANKS HAVE BEEN SWELLED BY SEVERAL THOUSAND MORE WHO HAVE FLED RWANDA'S CIVIL WAR SINCE LATE 1990.

36. (C) THE VIOLENCE MAY BE THE LATEST FLAREUP OF LOCAL RESENTMENT AGAINST THESE "OUTSIDERS," WHO COMPETE FOR FARMLAND AGAINST LOCAL BANYANGA AND BAHUNDE

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VILLAGERS. BUT CATHOLIC CLERGY IN KINSHASA BELIEVE THE VIOLENCE MAY HAVE OTHER CAUSES. A CLERICAL DELEGATION MET WITH ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF ELUKI IN MID-APRIL TO EXPRESS CONCERN THAT ZAIRIAN SOLDIERS--POSSIBLY BAHUNDE TROOPS STATIONED IN THE AREAMAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE

ATTACKS.

37. (C) THESE FEARS ARE BASED ON LOCAL RUMOR AND REPORTS THAT LARGE CROWDS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ATTACKED WITH GUNS AND KNIVES, ENTIRE VILLAGES HAVE BEEN BURNED TO THE GROUND, AND BRIDGES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. MILITARY TENSIONS IN GENERAL ARE HIGHER THAN USUAL BECAUSE OF LATE PAY AND THE EROSION OF SALARIES BY

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HYPERINFLATION; TROOPS IN THE INTERIOR RESENT BEING THE LAST PAID EVERY MONTH. MOREOVER, SOME UNITS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO REMOTE INTERIOR BASES BECAUSE OF THEIR EARLIER INVOLVEMENT IN LOOTING AND VIOLENCE IN AND AROUND KINSHASA.

38. (C) CONTINUING UNREST IN THE EAST WOULD ADD TO ZAIRE'S TRANSITION TROUBLES, BUT THE ASSAULTS IN NORTH KIVU MIGHT POSE A GREATER POTENTIAL THREAT TO RWANDAN BORDER VILLAGES THAN TO OTHER REGIONS OF ZAIRE AT PRESENT. AS THE ZAIRIAN ECONOMY CONTINUES ITS DOWNWARD SLIDE, TENSIONS IN THE MILITARY AND ETHNIC-BASED SCAPEGOATING WILL INTENSIFY, AND SIMILAR OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE ARE LIKELY. (BYRNES)

D. NOTE: SOUTH AFRICA: ECONOMICS OF POLITICAL TRANSITION

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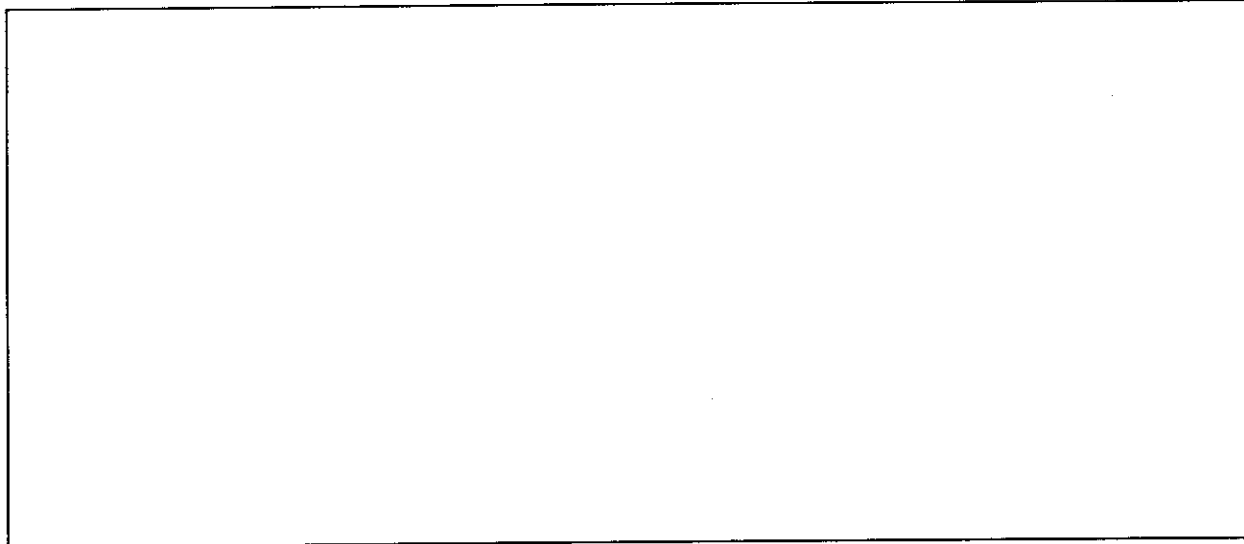
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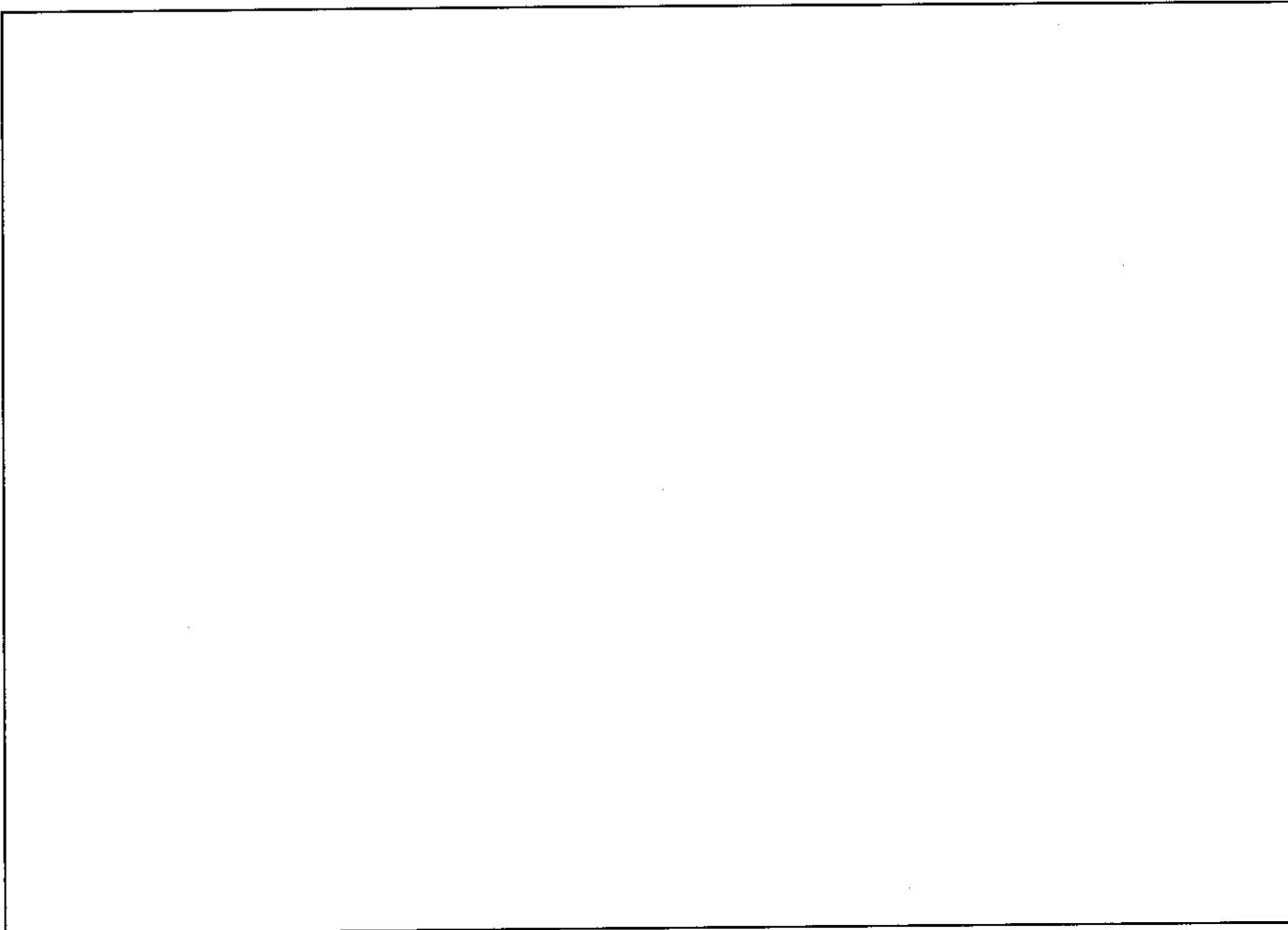
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